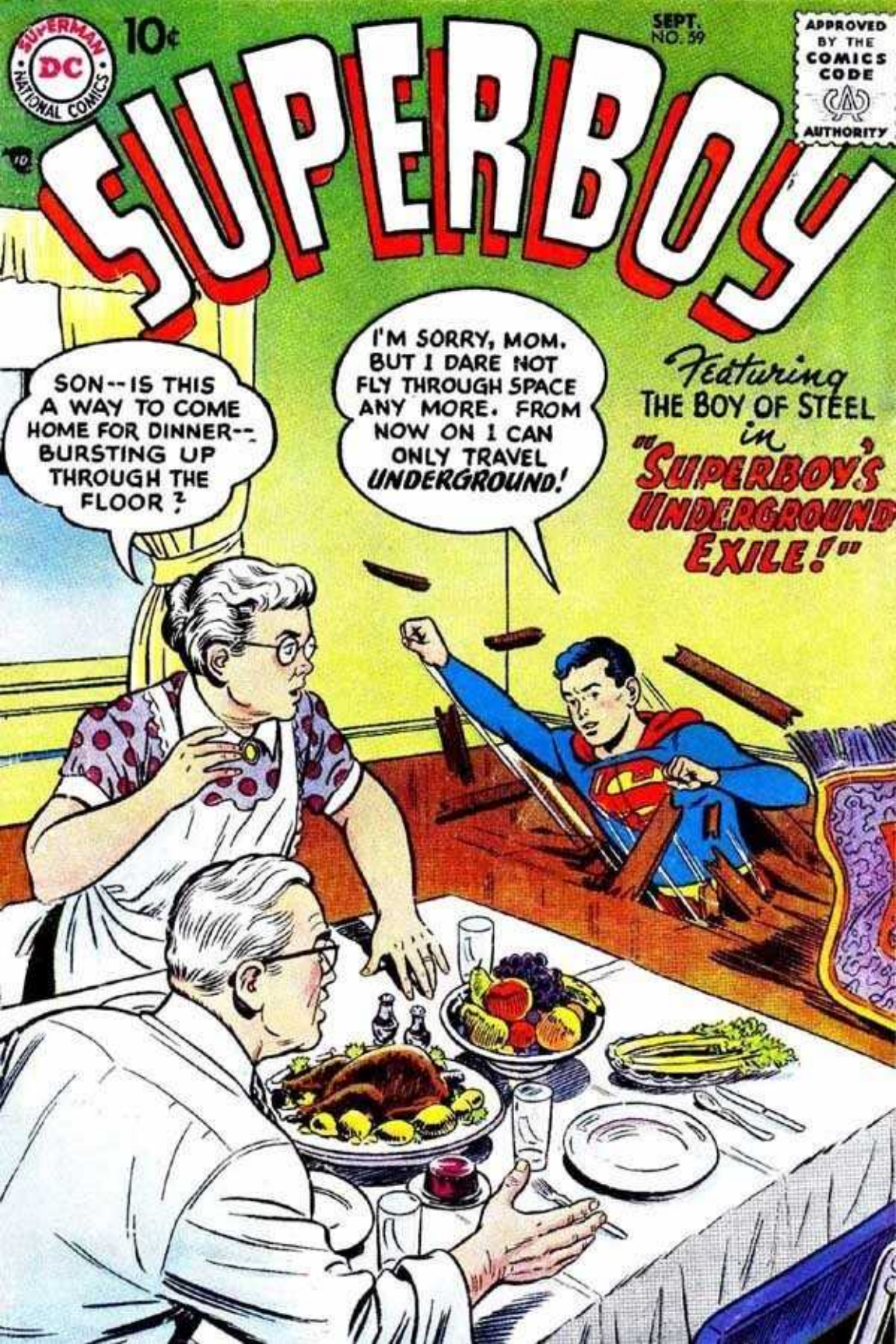
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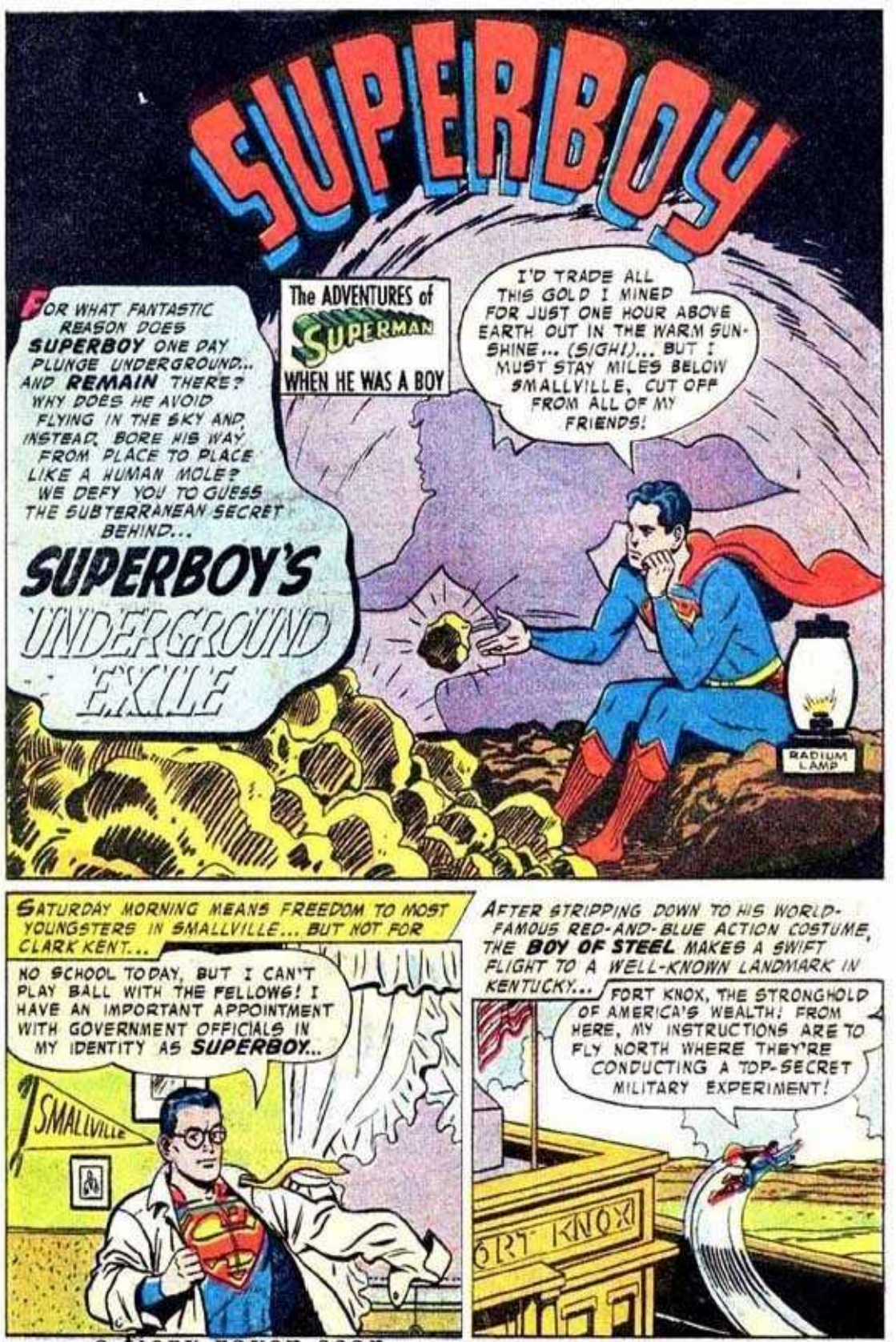
in
"SUPERBOY'S UNDERGROUND EXILE!"
SON--IS THIS A WAY TO COME HOME FOR DINNER--BURSTING UP THROUGH THE FLOOR?
I'M SORRY, MOM. BUT I DARE NOT FLY THROUGH SPACE ANY MORE. FROM NOW ON I CAN ONLY TRAVEL UNDERGROUND!


SUPERBOY
The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY
FOR WHAT FANTASTIC REASON DOES SUPERBOY ONE DAY PLUNGE UNDERGROUND... AND REMAIN THERE? WHY DOES HE AVOID FLYING IN THE SKY AND, INSTEAD, BORE HIS WAY FROM PLACE TO PLACE LIKE A HUMAN MOLE? WE DEFY YOU TO GUESS THE SUBTERRANEAN SECRET BEHIND...
SUPERBOY'S UNDERGROUND EXILE
I'D TRADE ALL THIS GOLD I MINED FOR JUST ONE HOUR ABOVE EARTH OUT IN THE WARM SUNSHINE... (SIGH!)... BUT I MUST STAY MILES BELOW SMALLVILLE, CUT OFF FROM ALL OF MY FRIENDS!
RADIUM LAMP
SATURDAY MORNING MEANS FREEDOM TO MOST YOUNGSTERS IN SMALLVILLE... BUT NOT FOR CLARK KENT...
NO SCHOOL TODAY, BUT I CAN'T PLAY BALL WITH THE FELLOWS! I HAVE AN IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN MY IDENTITY AS SUPERBOY...
SMALLVILLE
AFTER STRIPPING DOWN TO HIS WORLD-FAMOUS RED-AND-BLUE ACTION COSTUME, THE BOY OF STEEL MAKES A SWIFT FLIGHT TO A WELL-KNOWN LANDMARK IN KENTUCKY...
FORT KNOX, THE STRONGHOLD OF AMERICA'S WEALTH! FROM HERE, MY INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO FLY NORTH WHERE THEY'RE CONDUCTING A TOP-SECRET MILITARY EXPERIMENT!
FORT KNOX

LATER, A FEW MILES NORTH...
RIGHT ON TIME, SUPERBOY! YOU'VE HEARD OF THE NIKE, THE VIKING, AND OTHER GUIDED MISSILES THAT FLY THROUGH THE AIR?
U.S. GOVERNMENT PROVING GROUNDS
TODAY, WE'RE TESTING A UNIQUE NEW MISSILE... THE MOLE! IT'S DESIGNED TO BORE UNDERGROUND TO AN ENEMY TARGET!
VERY INGENIOUS, PROFESSOR! THE ENEMY WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE IT!
YES, BUT UNFORTUNATELY WE... ER... WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE IT EITHER DURING THIS TEST! THAT'S WHY WE NEED YOU, SUPERBOY... AS AN OBSERVER TO FOLLOW IT WITH YOUR REMARKABLE X-RAY EYES!
I SEE! I'M TO CHECK THAT IT DOESN'T RUN WILD, DOESN'T GO THE WRONG WAY!
TARGET
AFTER THE AMAZING MISSILE IS FIRED, SUPERBOY FOLLOWS IT WITH HIS UNCANNY X-RAY VISION...
EASY TO FOLLOW IT SO FAR! BUT IT'S GOING DEEPER NOW!
SOON IT REQUIRES INCREASING POWER OF HIS SUPER X-RAY VISION AS...
WOW! IT WENT A MILE DOWN, UNDER FORT KNOX!
FINALLY, AT THE TARGET AREA...
IT REACHED THE TARGET RIGHT ON THE BUTTON, EXPLODING ITS ATOMIC WARHEAD! LUCKY I'M IMPERVIOUS TO HARM! NOW TO INFORM THOSE ARMY OFFICIALS!

THE BOY OF STEEL REPORTS BACK IN A SURPRISING MANNER!
GENTLEMEN! THE MOLE IS A BIG SUCCESS!
SUPERBOY! WE... ER... EXPECTED YOU BY AIR, NOT THIS WAY! BUT THANKS FOR HELPING! YOU CAN FLY HOME NOW!
BUT AMAZINGLY...
WELL, BACK TO SMALLVILLE!
GREAT SCOTT! WHY DIDN'T SUPERBOY FLY, AS USUAL? WHY IS HE BORING UNDERGROUND?
LATER IN SMALLVILLE, WHERE A SUPERBOY FAN CLUB WAITS...
SUPERBOY PROMISED TO SIGN OUR AUTOGRAPH BOOKS, BUT NO SIGN OF HIM FLYING DOWN!
NO, I CAME THIS WAY INSTEAD! HAND ME YOUR BOOKS!
BUT SUPERBOY! WHY DON'T YOU... UH... COME UP OUT OF THE GROUND?
SORRY, I CAN'T EXPLAIN! I'M STAYING UNDERGROUND INDEFINITELY FOR A SPECIAL REASON THAT I MUST KEEP SECRET!
WHY IS SUPERBOY MYSTERIOUSLY REMAINING UNDERGROUND LIKE A HUMAN MOLE? LATER, AS HIS SUPER-SENSES ALERT HIM TO A NEARBY EMERGENCY...
HELP!
OMIGOSH! A FIRE IN SMALLVILLE. BUT I CAN'T FLY AND USE MY USUAL SUPER-BREATH TO EXTINGUISH IT! HOW ELSE CAN I PUT IT OUT?
HMM! THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SKIN A CAT! I'LL DISCONNECT THE COUPLING THAT HOLDS THIS WATER-MAIN AND BEND THE PIPE SO THAT IT POINTS UP!
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WITH HIS REMARKABLE POWERS, THE BOY OF STEEL SMASHES A HOLE UP THROUGH THE PAVEMENT FOR THE WATER PIPE AND...
THERE! THAT GIANT "GEYSER" WILL PUT OUT THE FLAMES!
THAT MUST BE SUPERBOY'S WORK! BUT WHY IN THE WORLD IS HE OPERATING FROM UNDERGROUND? WHY DOESN'T HE COME OUT?
THEY'LL NEVER GUESS WHY! AND NOW THAT I'VE REPAIRED THE PAVEMENT AND COUPLED THE WATER MAIN BACK TOGETHER! I MUST DIVE BELOW AGAIN!
SOON, WHERE STARTLED COAL-MINERS WORK...
GOSH, WHAT'S SUPERBOY DOING DOWN HERE? AND LOOK-- HE'S DIVING STILL DEEPER!
I'M GOING STRAIGHT DOWN FOR 4,000 MILES!
SOON, REACHING THE VERY CENTER OF THE EARTH, SUPERBOY SWIFTLY HOLLOWS OUT A CHAMBER WHOSE GRANITE WALLS GLOW SOFTLY FROM RADIUM...
I'LL NEED THIS UNDERGROUND HEADQUARTERS TILL MONDAY MORNING!
WHAT DOES MONDAY MORNING HAVE TO DO WITH THIS SUPER-MYSTERY?
FROM THIS CENTRAL POINT, IT'S ONLY 4,000 MILES TO ANY SPOT ON EARTH, AS I BEGIN MY WORLD-WIDE SEARCH!
TO SMALLVILLE, 4,000 MILES
SEA BOTTOM, 4,000 MILES
EUROPE, 4,000 MILES
JAPAN, 4,000 MILES
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MEANWHILE, AT THE PROVING GROUNDS...
HMM... COULD THIS HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH OUR EXPERIMENT, PROFESSOR?
YES! MY THEORY IS THAT THE ATOMIC EXPLOSION CAUSED BY OUR NEW GUIDED MISSILE CONTAMINATED SUPERBOY!
PLANET
SUPERBOY "EXILED" UNDERGROUND! BUT WHY?
I FURTHER BELIEVE THAT IF SUPERBOY FLEW INTO THE AIR, WHILE SATURATED WITH THESE DEADLY NUCLEAR RADIATIONS, EXPOSURE TO SUNLIGHT OR MOONLIGHT FOR MORE THAN A MINUTE WOULD CAUSE A VIOLENT ATOMIC EXPLOSION!
IN SHORT, SUPERBOY HAS BECOME A "HUMAN BOMB"! HE IS A MENACE ABOVE GROUND! HE MUST THEREFORE REMAIN BELOW UNTIL HE DECONTAMINATES HIMSELF! TOO BAD OUR EXPERIMENT AFFECTED HIM THAT WAY!
BUT HAS THE NUCLEAR BLAST ALSO AFFECTED SUPERBOY'S MIND? ELSE, WHY HAS HE ABANDONED HIS CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS TO SEARCH FOR TREASURE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN?
I SPOTTED THESE OLD SUNKEN PIRATE SHIPS, FULL OF GOLD! IT'S OUT OF ANYONE ELSE'S REACH, SO WHY CAN'T I TAKE IT FOR MYSELF?
ELSEWHERE AROUND EARTH, THE BOY OF STEEL MAKES OTHER SUPER GOLD STRIKES!
I'LL CHOP HUGE NUGGETS OUT OF THIS VEIN OF SOLID GOLD LYING 100 MILES DEEP!
PLENTY OF GOLD DUST TO "PAN" OUT OF THIS UNDERGROUND RIVER! WORKING AT SUPER-SPEED, I'LL PILE IT UP FAST!

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT SUPERBOY HAS TURNED INTO A GREEDY MISER, BUT WHAT OTHER EXPLANATION CAN THERE BE AS GOLD BARS PILE UP IN HIS SECRET UNDERGROUND CHAMBER?
I FUSED THE GOLD WITH THE HEAT OF MY X-RAYS AND FORMED INGOTS. HMM... ONLY ABOUT $100,000,000,000... THAT'S NOT ENOUGH! I NEED MORE... MORE!
FORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, SUPERBOY STILL KEEPS AN EYE ON HIS HOME TOWN MILES ABOVE...
OH, OH! MY X-RAY VISION UP TO SMALLVILLE SHOWS CROOKS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF MY UNDERGROUND "EXILE"!
TO OUR GETAWAY PLANE! SUPERBOY CAN'T COME UP AND FLY AFTER US! HA, HA!
HOW TO STOP THEM? AH, I CAN USE MY GOLD, SHAPING IT WITH SUPER PRESSURE INTO A CERTAIN IMPLEMENT I NEED!
MOMENTS LATER, BORING TO SMALLVILLE AT SUPER-SPEED...
THEIR PLANE JUST TOOK OFF! NOW TO STOP THEM WITH...
... MY GIANT GOLDEN FORCEPS! I'LL LOWER THEM INTO POLICE HANDS!

DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, SUPERBOY PERFORMS OTHER "GOLDEN FEATS!"
I CAN'T FLY THAT LOST PROSPECTOR OUT OF THE DESERT, BUT THIS GOLDEN ARROW WILL GUIDE HIM TO SAFETY!
MY GIANT GOLDEN MIRROR WILL CONCENTRATE THE SUN'S RAYS AND MELT A PATH FOR THAT SNOWBOUND TRAIN!
BUT THOUGH USING HIS GOLD FOR GOOD, SUPERBOY ALWAYS BRINGS IT BACK TO HIS SUBTERRANEAN TREASURE CHAMBER!
I MUSTN'T LOSE A SINGLE DOLLAR'S WORTH! I'LL CONVERT THEM BACK TO INGOTS! NOW I'VE GOT THE BIGGEST FORTUNE ON EARTH!
AT LAST MY SUPER GOLD-MINING IS DONE... AND BARELY IN TIME! I HAD TO FINISH BEFORE MONDAY MORNING OR MY SECRET MISSION WOULD BE EXPOSED! NOW TO LOAD IT IN THE SUPER-STEEL TORPEDO I MADE!
CAN YOU GUESS WHAT SUPERBOY'S TRUE MISSION IS?
I PUSHED IT THROUGH THE EARTH... NOW TO SMASH UP THROUGH THAT CONCRETE FLOOR INTO THE UNDERGROUND VAULT OF FORT KNOX!
BEING THIS IS SUNDAY NIGHT, NOBODY IS HERE TO SEE ME LEAVE THESE GOLDEN INGOTS I MADE TO REPLACE THOSE WORTHLESS LEADEN ONES! NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW HOW THE WORLD WAS ON THE BRINK OF CHAOS!
UNITED STATES GOLD RESERVES

"IT ALL HAPPENED WHEN I FOLLOWED THAT GUIDED MISSILE AS IT BORED UNDER FORT KNOX..."
I'M USING SUPER-POWERED X-RAYS TO PENETRATE THE CONCRETE VAULTS! WILL IT HARM THE GOLD AS IT PASSES THROUGH? I'LL CHECK LATER!
"LATER, BORING UP UNDER THE VAULT..."
OMIGOSH! THE SUPER X-RAYS I USED, MORE POWERFUL THAN A DOZEN ATOM-SMASHERS, TURNED THE VALUABLE GOLD INTO CHEAP LEAD!... (GULP!) I'LL HAVE TO REPLACE THE MISSING GOLD--OR ALL AMERICA'S CURRENCY WILL BE WORTHLESS!
"BUT HAD I FLOWN IN FULL SIGHT OF PEOPLE, SEEKING GOLD AROUND EARTH, TO REPLACE THE LEADEN BARS, I WOULD HAVE CREATED SUSPICION..."
LOOK! IT'S SUPERBOY HUNTING GOLD AGAIN, THEN FLYING IN THE DIRECTION OF FORT KNOX! I'LL BET SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED TO THE GOLD THERE!
"THE RUMORS WOULD HAVE FORCED OFFICIALS TO INVESTIGATE FORT KNOX AND ADMIT THE TRUTH, CAUSING A WORLD-WIDE FINANCIAL PANIC!"
LONDON GLOBE
AMERICA BANKRUPT
DAILY PLANET
STOCK MARKET CRASHES
Washington Sentinel
WORLD FACES DEPRESSION
THAT'S WHY I HAD TO WORK IN SECRECY UNDERGROUND, SO NO ONE WOULD SEE ME GATHERING GOLD! NOW TO SHOVE THE LEAD INGOTS AWAY, THEN SEAL UP THE VAULT AGAIN... WITH NOBODY THE WISER THAT THE GOLD WAS MISSING FOR A WEEK-END!
AND ON MONDAY MORNING, A HAPPY SUPERBOY RETURNS TO SMALLVILLE... THE USUAL WAY!
OH, BOY! IT'S GREAT TO SEE THE SKY AGAIN AND INHALE FRESH AIR! WONDER WHAT OTHERS THOUGHT WAS THE CAUSE OF MY UNDERGROUND EXILE?
AND WHEN CLARK READS OF THE PROFESSOR'S THEORY...
I'LL LET THAT EXPLANATION STAND! THE WORLD WILL NEVER KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT MY... UH... 24-CARAT GOLDEN ADVENTURE!
...THAT SUPERBOY WAS A "HUMAN BOMB", UNABLE TO APPEAR ABOVE GROUND UNTIL DECONTAMINATED FROM NUCLEAR RADIATIONS!
THE END

SUPERBOY
The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY
DO YOU SOMETIMES FEEL JEALOUS THAT YOUR HOME TOWN DOESN'T BOAST A CITIZEN WITH SUPERBOY'S INCREDIBLE ABILITIES? WOULDN'T IT BE NICE TO HAVE SOMEONE WITH SUPER-POWERS AS YOUR NEIGHBOR? THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN HADLEY, U.S.A. THINK SO, WHEN A MASKED MYSTERY MAN, WITH STARTLING TALENTS, MOVES INTO THEIR TOWN-- BUT THEY CERTAINLY AREN'T PREPARED FOR THE UNBELIEVABLE EVENTS THAT OCCUR WHEN...
SUPERBOY MEETS AMAZING MAN
YOU DON'T HAVE TO CORRAL THESE CROOKS, SUPERBOY! I ALREADY TOOK CARE OF THEM... MY INVISIBLE ELECTRONIC BARRIER PREVENTS THEM FROM MOVING AN INCH!

ONE DAY, IN THE COMMUNITY OF HADLEY, A SHORT DISTANCE FROM SUPERBOY'S HOME TOWN OF SMALLVILLE...
THAT TRUCK'S OUT OF CONTROL! IT'S GOING TO CRASH INTO THE CAR!
I--I CAN'T LOOK! OOH-- IF ONLY OUR TOWN HAD A SUPERBOY!

SUDDENLY...
L-LOOK! A MASKED MAN-- FLYING!
DON'T WORRY... AMAZING MAN WILL STOP THAT CRASH!

HE--HE'S POINTING THAT ROD AT THE TRUCK... AND BOTH CARS ARE STOPPING!
NEAT LITTLE INVENTION, ISN'T IT? GIVES BOTH VEHICLES NEGATIVE MAGNETISM, CAUSING THEM TO REPEL EACH OTHER!
INCREDIBLE... B-BUT WHO ARE YOU?
YOU MAY CALL ME AMAZING MAN-- FOR, IN ALL MODESTY, I MUST ADMIT I HAVE AMAZING SCIENTIFIC TALENTS WITH WHICH I PLAN TO HELP PEOPLE, THE WAY SUPERBOY DOES!
YOU'RE EVEN BETTER THAN SUPERBOY! HE MERELY INHERITED HIS POWERS-- BUT YOU USE YOUR BRAINS TO GET RESULTS!
W-WOULD YOU STAY HERE, IN HADLEY... SO THAT WE COULD HAVE YOU TO HELP US, AS SUPERBOY HELPS SMALLVILLE?
PRECISELY WHAT I INTENDED! REST ASSURED THAT YOU WILL NOT REGRET YOUR HOSPITABLE INVITATION!
FAREWELL--TILL WE MEET AGAIN!
AMAZING-- HOW HE'S ADAPTED THOSE JETS SO HE CAN FLY!
YES, AMAZING MAN IS... HA-HA... AMAZING! AND JUST WAIT TILL THE PEOPLE OF SMALLVILLE HEAR THAT WE HAVE SOMEONE IN HADLEY EVEN MORE WONDERFUL THAN SUPERBOY!
SOMETIME LATER...
THAT OLD ABANDONED OIL STORAGE TANK--ON FIRE!
AND LOOK-- SUPERBOY IS COMING TO PUT IT OUT!
STOP! WE DON'T NEED YOU, SUPERBOY! WE HAVE...

...AMAZING MAN! HERE HE COMES NOW!
WHAT--? A--A MASKED MAN, FLYING WITH INGENIOUS JET TUBES! WHO CAN HE BE?
THIS NEW CHEMICAL I DEVELOPED WILL SNUFF OUT THE FLAMES EVEN QUICKER THAN YOU CAN, SUPERBOY!
SURE ENOUGH, WITHIN SECONDS...
YOU CAN RELAX... THE FIRE IS ALREADY EXTINGUISHED!
SO I SEE, WITH MY X-RAY VISION.. BUT I CAN'T SEE THROUGH YOUR MASK! WHY DO YOU CONCEAL YOUR IDENTITY FROM ME?
MY MASK IS LINED WITH LEAD, THE ONE SUBSTANCE WHICH YOUR X-RAY VISION CAN'T PENETRATE, BECAUSE I WANT TO KEEP MY IDENTITY SECRET FROM YOU-- FOR THE SAME REASON THAT YOU WANT TO KEEP YOURS SECRET FROM ME!
HMM... I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE!
SO?... ARE YOU WILLING TO TREAT ME AS AN EQUAL-- AND SHAKE HANDS?
I RECOGNIZE EVERYONE AS MY EQUAL, DESPITE MY SUPER-POWERS! IF YOU USE YOUR SCIENTIFIC INGENUITY TO HELP PEOPLE-- I CERTAINLY DO WANT TO SHAKE HANDS!
YOU'VE CERTAINLY MET YOUR MATCH, SUPERBOY!
YES--AND MAYBE MORE THAN THAT! WE APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'VE DONE IN THE PAST--BUT HADLEY DOESN'T NEED YOU ANYMORE, NOW THAT WE HAVE AMAZING MAN!
THAT EVENING, JOY SPREADS THROUGH HADLEY AS...
HA, HA... EVERY HEADLINE ABOUT US-- AND JUST A FEW WORDS IN SMALL PRINT ABOUT SMALLVILLE!
WHAT A WELCOME CHANGE... AND THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING!
COURIER NEWS
AMAZING MAN TO BECOME CITIZEN OF HADLEY

YES--OVERNIGHT, HADLEY BECOMES A NEW TOWN, MADE EVEN NEWER BY AMAZING MAN...
WH-WHAT'S THAT? AND HOW DOES IT STAY UP THERE?
A THIN BUT POWERFUL STREAM OF AIR PRESSURE, FROM A MACHINE BELOW THE EARTH, KEEPS IT UP-- AND WHAT IT IS, YOU'LL SEE TONIGHT!
LATER, IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN...
WHAT'S THAT THING YOU'VE JUST MADE, AMAZING MAN?
ANOTHER GADGET THAT WILL HELP HADLEY BECOME HAPPY AND SAFE! YOU'LL SEE... JUST TRUST ME!
THAT EVENING...
OUR TOWN-- ALL LIT UP!
YES--WITHOUT A PENNY'S EXPENSE TO YOU! MY INVENTION CAPTURES THE SUN'S RAYS DURING THE DAY, AND USES THEM AT NIGHT TO LIGHT UP THE WHOLE TOWN!
IS THERE ANYTHING THAT AMAZING MAN CAN'T DO? DOES HIS SCIENTIFIC GENIUS REALLY PARALLEL SUPERBOY'S UNIQUE POWERS? IT CERTAINLY LOOKS THAT WAY AS...
GET OUT OF MY WAY, OR I'LL SHOOT!
GO AHEAD... YOUR GUN CAN'T HURT ME!
IS--IS HE IMMUNE TO BULLETS, LIKE SUPERBOY?
HUH--? IT DIDN'T GO OFF!
CLICK CLICK
OF COURSE NOT! THE RAYS FROM THAT MACHINE NEUTRALIZE GUN-POWDER!
AND NEXT MORNING, WHEN TREMORS OF A NEARBY EARTHQUAKE AWAKEN THE CITIZENS OF HADLEY...
LOOK! THE QUAKE DISLODGED THAT HUGE METAL MODEL OF EARTH WE MADE FOR THE PLANETARIUM FAIR!
SO WHAT? AMAZING MAN WILL BE HERE IN A MOMENT... THERE'S NO NEED FOR US EVEN TO GET OUT OF ITS PATH!
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AS THE HEAVY SPHERE ROLLS MENACINGLY DOWNWARD...
GET AWAY, SUPERBOY! I DON'T INTERFERE IN SMALLVILLE-- WHY DO YOU INTERFERE IN HADLEY? THIS LITTLE GADGET CHANGES THE ATOMS OF METAL...
...INTO SOFT RUBBER!
HA-HA... WHY WASTE YOUR TIME HERE, SUPERBOY? HAVEN'T YOU IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO ELSEWHERE?
THAT EVENING, ONCE AGAIN, THE PEOPLE OF HADLEY ENJOY THEIR PAPERS AS THEY NEVER HAVE BEFORE...
HA, HA... SUPERBOY'S STILL TRYING TO BREAK INTO THE NEWS!
GUESS HE'S BECOMING A LITTLE JEALOUS... HA, HA, HA!
COUNTY NEWS
HADLEY CHANGES NAME TO AMAZINGVILLE!
AMAZING MAN DOES IT AGAIN!
SUPERBOY BUILDING NEW DAM FOR SMALLVILLE
SUPERBOY JEALOUS? SOUNDS IMPOSSIBLE-- AND YET, THE FOLLOWING DAY...
LOOK! THAT METEOR FALLING TOWARD SMALLVILLE-- SUPERBOY MELTED IT WITH THE HEAT OF HIS X-RAY VISION!
YES-- BUT HE SENT A BEAM THROUGH AMAZING MAN'S LIGHT SPHERE, AND DESTROYED IT! WAS THAT AN ACCIDENT?
A QUESTION SOON TO BE ASKED AGAIN-- AS THAT AFTERNOON...
HMM... THERE GOES SUPERBOY WITH THOSE BOULDERS FOR THE NEW SMALLVILLE DAM HE'S PLANNING!
HE DIDN'T HAVE TO PASS OVER HADLEY! HE'S JUST SHOWING OFF-- TRYING TO IMPRESS US!
SUDDENLY...
OH, NO! ONE OF THE BOULDERS FELL OFF AND SMASHED AMAZING MAN'S MACHINE-- THE ONE THAT NEUTRALIZES GUNPOWDER!
THAT'S NO ACCIDENT! SUPERBOY'S IN A JEALOUS FRENZY-- SMASHING EVERYTHING THAT AMAZING MAN MADE FOR US!
JACK ROK'S
KRASSH!!

MEANWHILE, UNAWARE OF SUPERBOY'S ACTIVITIES, AMAZING MAN MEETS SECRETLY WITH SOME CRONIES...
HA-HA... THEY'RE EATING OUT OF THE PALM OF MY HAND! THEY DON'T KNOW THAT THE CHEMICAL I USED TO EXTINGUISH FIRES GRADUALLY CRUMBLES METAL-- AND THEY'RE GOING TO USE IT ON THE TOWN BANK WHEN AN "ACCIDENTAL" FIRE OCCURS THERE!
WE'LL BREAK IN EASILY THEN!
YES-- AND THAT NIGHT, WHEN WE LOOT THE WHOLE TOWN, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP US! THE LIGHT GIVEN OFF BY MY SPHERE WILL TEMPORARILY BLIND EVERYONE EXPOSED TO IT!
AND EVEN IF THAT DON'T WORK, NO ONE CAN TOUCH US, 'CAUSE YOUR GADGET WILL STOP ANY GUN FROM FIRING!
THE POOR SAPS WILL BE HELPLESS! AND, SINCE THE WONDERFUL AMAZING MAN USES HIS TALENTS TO HELP PEOPLE, SUPERBOY WON'T GIVE THIS TOWN A SECOND GLANCE!
A CUNNING PLAN, AMAZING MAN-- BUT, AT THIS VERY MOMENT...
I'VE SUMMONED YOU ALL HERE BECAUSE I HAVE GRAVE CHARGES TO MAKE AGAINST AMAZING MAN! AWHILE AGO, I NEEDED SOME SCRAP METAL, AND DECIDED TO USE THIS TANK. TOUCH IT YOURSELVES-- AND SEE WHAT I FOUND!
IT-- IT'S FALLING APART! THE METAL CRUMBLED!
YES-- THE CHEMICAL AMAZING MAN USES TO EXTINGUISH FIRE HAS THAT EFFECT AFTER AWHILE! WHEN I DISCOVERED THIS-- AND, WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION I SAW AMAZING MAN GIVE SOME OF THAT CHEMICAL TO YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT-- I GREW SUSPICIOUS!
I CONFIRMED MY SUSPICIONS BY BUILDING A LIGHT SPHERE SIMILAR TO THE ONE AMAZING MAN BUILT FOR YOU AND EXPOSED SOME ANIMALS TO IT! THE LIGHT MADE THEM TEMPORARILY BLIND AFTER AWHILE!
HE-- HE PLANNED TO LOOT OUR TOWN! OH, SUPERBOY-- CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE US FOR MISTRUSTING YOU?
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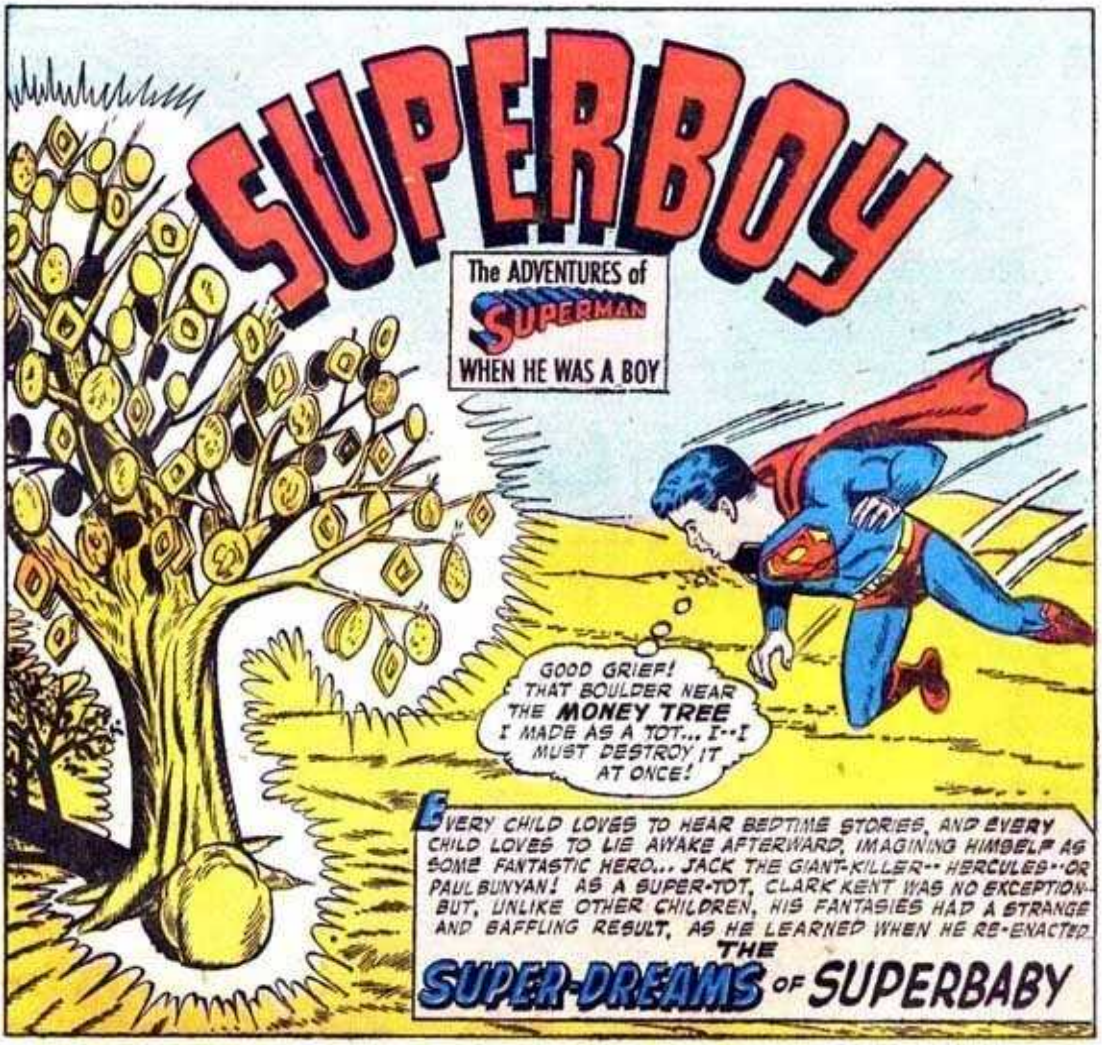
BUT JUST THEN, FROM A CONCEALED LOUDSPEAKER...
YOU'RE NOT AS SMART AS YOU THINK, SUPERBOY! I'LL STILL LOOT THE TOWN AFTER I DESTROY YOU WITH WEAPONS DEVISED FOR THAT PURPOSE—WEAPONS SUCH AS EARTH HAS NEVER SEEN BEFORE!
MAYBE--BUT REMEMBER, I HAVE UNUSUAL WEAPONS OF MY OWN!
SOON...
I'M DISCHARGING THE STORED-UP ELECTRICITY OF THOUSANDS OF LIGHTNING BOLTS AT YOU... MORE VOLTAGE THAN HAS EVER BEEN CONCENTRATED IN ONE SPOT BEFORE!
THE TERRIBLE STREAK REACHES ITS TARGET--AND SUPERBOY'S WHOLE FRAME SHUDDERS...
HA-HA! IT'S KNOCKING HIM FOR A LOOP!
FOR LONG MINUTES, THE BOY OF STEEL LIES INERT ON THE GROUND-- AND THEN...
HE'S WOBBLY--BUT HE'S GETTING UP, BOSS! LET'S FINISH HIM WITH THE NEXT ONE!
AND, EVEN AS SUPERBOY FLIES TOWARD AMAZING MAN...
THIS PROJECTILE IS SHOT AT A SPEED GREATER THAN LIGHT--AND IT'S MADE OF A METAL THAT NO FORCE CAN SHATTER!
THEN WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AN IRRESISTIBLE OBJECT MEETS AN IMMOVABLE FORCE!
WHAMM
IT SHATTERED WHEN IT HIT HIM--BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOING TO PIECES, TOO!

ONCE AGAIN, SUPERBOY'S APPARENTLY SENSELESS FORM PLUMMETS TO EARTH--AND, AS THE PEOPLE OF HADLEY WATCH IN AWE...
YOU GOT HIM FOR GOOD, BOSS. WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY!
W-HE'S BEEN LYING LIKE THAT FOR ALMOST 15 MINUTES! IS AMAZING MAN REALLY HIS SUPERIOR?
ABRUPTLY...
STAY BACK, SUPERBOY... THIS HOUSE IS REALLY A ROCKET SHIP! UNLESS YOU LET US GET AWAY, I'LL PULL THIS LEVER AND SEND OUT AN ELECTRONIC IMPULSE THAT WILL DESTROY SMALLVILLE!
YES, YOU DO-- MORE THAN YOU REALIZE!
GO AHEAD... SEE IF I CARE!
THINK I'M JOKING, EH? WELL, I'LL... WH-WHAT?? IT--IT CRUMBLED TO DUST!
NATURALLY! WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE, I SECRETLY SLEW SOME OF YOUR OWN METAL-CORRODING POWDER ON ALL YOUR WEAPONS! I PRETENDED THEY AFFECTED ME, TO GIVE YOUR FORMULA TIME TO WORK! AND NOW...
...OFF TO JAIL!
THANKS, SUPERBOY! WE WON'T BE FOOLED SO EASILY AGAIN!
LATER, AFTER AMAZING MAN HAS BEEN STRIPPED OF HIS MASK AND CONFINED TO A CELL...
YOU YOUNG WHIPPERSNAPPER! WHEN I GET OUT, YOU'LL HAVE REASON TO REGRET THIS--AS SURE AS MY NAME IS LUTHOR!
HMM... I'LL BE SUPERMAN BY THE TIME HE GETS OUT! I WONDER... WILL HIS INCREDIBLE, TWISTED TALENTS MAKE HIM MY ARCH-ENEMY?
ISOLATION WARD
THE END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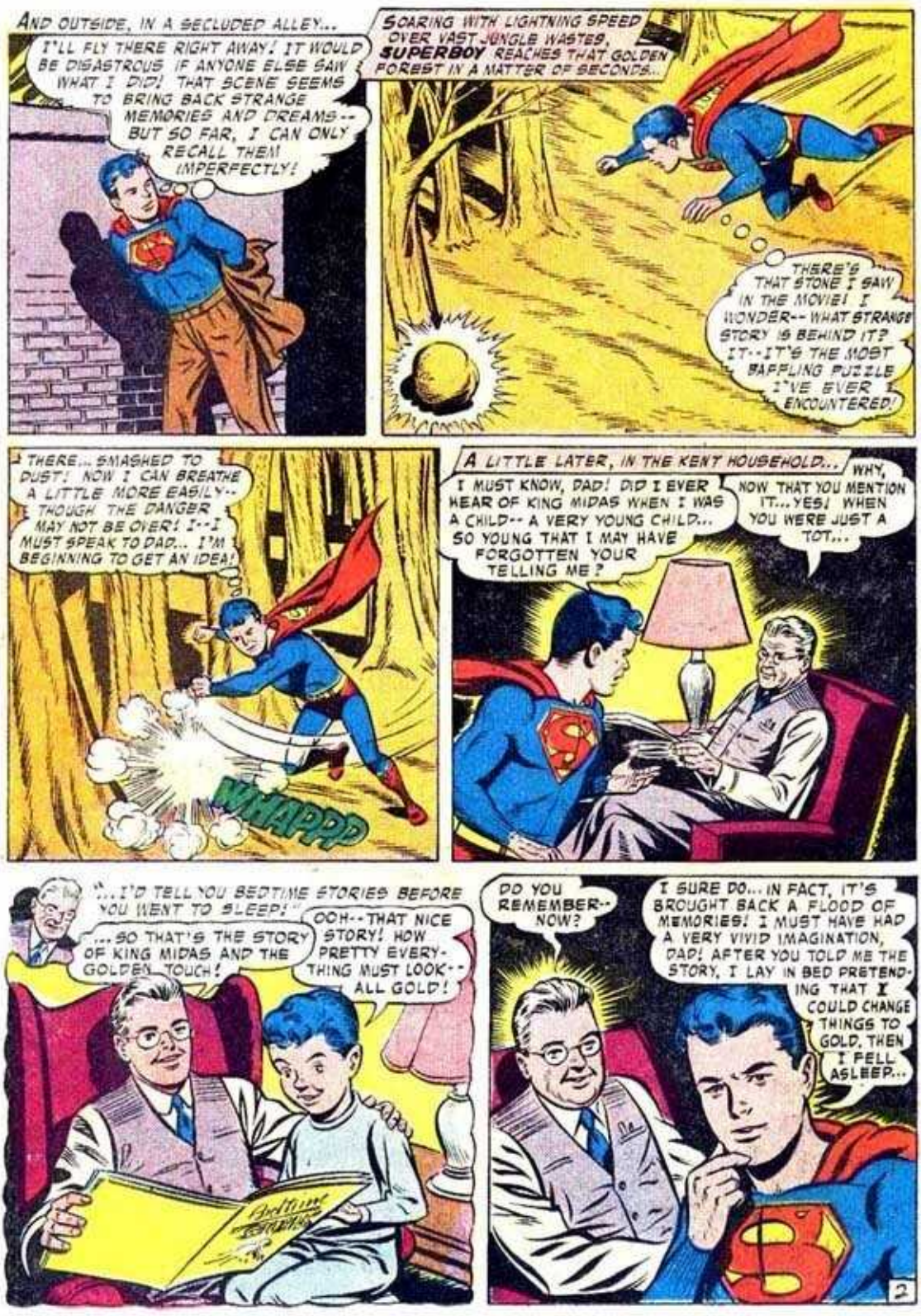
GOOD GRIEF! THAT BOULDER NEAR THE MONEY TREE I MADE AS A TOT... I--I MUST DESTROY IT AT ONCE!
EVERY CHILD LOVES TO HEAR BEDTIME STORIES, AND EVERY CHILD LOVES TO LIE AWAKE AFTERWARD, IMAGINING HIMSELF AS SOME FANTASTIC HERO... JACK THE GIANT-KILLER-- HERCULES--OR PAUL BUNYAN! AS A SUPER-TOT, CLARK KENT WAS NO EXCEPTION-- BUT, UNLIKE OTHER CHILDREN, HIS FANTASIES HAD A STRANGE AND BAFFLING RESULT, AS HE LEARNED WHEN HE RE-ENACTED
THE SUPER-DREAMS OF SUPERBABY

ONE DAY IN SMALLVILLE, AS YOUNG CLARK KENT ATTENDS A MOVIE WITH HIS FOSTER PARENTS...
THIS TRAVELOGUE IS FASCINATING-- ALL ABOUT THE LATEST DISCOVERIES!
HERE IS ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING FINDS IN HISTORY! DEEP IN IMPENETRABLE JUNGLE IS THIS GOLDEN FOREST, SEEN ONLY FROM THE AIR-- THOUGH EXPEDITIONS EVEN NOW ARE TRYING TO REACH IT!
WHAT IS THE MYSTERY OF THIS FOREST? WAS THERE A KING MIDAS? DID HE STUMBLE HERE AGES AGO, WITH HIS GOLDEN TOUCH?
THAT ROCK... GOLLY! I--I DETECT SOMETHING INCREDIBLE WITH MY MICRO-SCOPIC VISION!
DAD... NO QUESTIONS PLEASE! I--I MUST LEAVE AT ONCE!


AND OUTSIDE, IN A SECLUDED ALLEY...
I'LL FLY THERE RIGHT AWAY! IT WOULD BE DISASTROUS IF ANYONE ELSE SAW WHAT I DID! THAT SCENE SEEMS TO BRING BACK STRANGE MEMORIES AND DREAMS -- BUT SO FAR, I CAN ONLY RECALL THEM IMPERFECTLY!
SOARING WITH LIGHTNING SPEED OVER VAST JUNGLE WASTES, SUPERBOY REACHES THAT GOLDEN FOREST IN A MATTER OF SECONDS...
THERE'S THAT STONE I SAW IN THE MOVIE! I WONDER -- WHAT STRANGE STORY IS BEHIND IT? IT -- IT'S THE MOST BAFFLING PUZZLE I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED!
THERE... SMASHED TO DUST! NOW I CAN BREATHE A LITTLE MORE EASILY -- THOUGH THE DANGER MAY NOT BE OVER! I -- I MUST SPEAK TO DAD... I'M BEGINNING TO GET AN IDEA!
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A LITTLE LATER, IN THE KENT HOUSEHOLD...
I MUST KNOW, DAD! DID I EVER HEAR OF KING MIDAS WHEN I WAS A CHILD -- A VERY YOUNG CHILD... SO YOUNG THAT I MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN YOUR TELLING ME?
WHY, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... YES! WHEN YOU WERE JUST A TOT...
"... I'D TELL YOU BEDTIME STORIES BEFORE YOU WENT TO SLEEP!"
... SO THAT'S THE STORY OF KING MIDAS AND THE GOLDEN TOUCH!
OOH -- THAT NICE STORY! HOW PRETTY EVERYTHING MUST LOOK -- ALL GOLD!
DO YOU REMEMBER -- NOW?
I SURE DO... IN FACT, IT'S BROUGHT BACK A FLOOD OF MEMORIES! I MUST HAVE HAD A VERY VIVID IMAGINATION, DAD! AFTER YOU TOLD ME THE STORY, I LAY IN BED PRETENDING THAT I COULD CHANGE THINGS TO GOLD, THEN I FELL ASLEEP...
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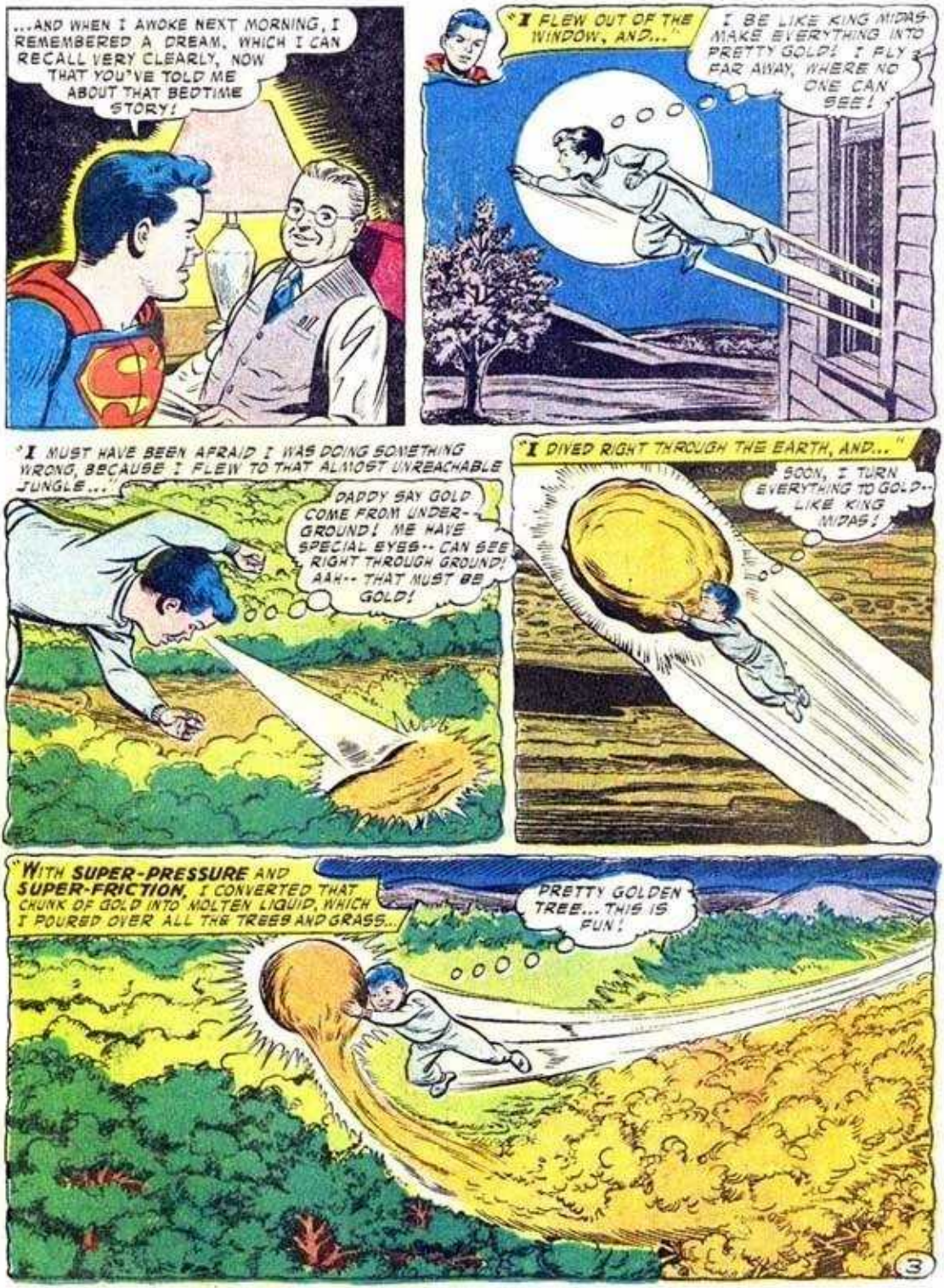
...AND WHEN I AWOKE NEXT MORNING, I REMEMBERED A DREAM, WHICH I CAN RECALL VERY CLEARLY, NOW THAT YOU'VE TOLD ME ABOUT THAT BEDTIME STORY!
"I FLEW OUT OF THE WINDOW, AND..."
I BE LIKE KING MIDAS MAKE EVERYTHING INTO PRETTY GOLD! I FLY FAR AWAY, WHERE NO ONE CAN SEE!
"I MUST HAVE BEEN AFRAID I WAS DOING SOMETHING WRONG, BECAUSE I FLEW TO THAT ALMOST UNREACHABLE JUNGLE..."
DADDY SAY GOLD COME FROM UNDER-GROUND! ME HAVE SPECIAL EYES-- CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH GROUND! AAH-- THAT MUST BE GOLD!
"I DIVED RIGHT THROUGH THE EARTH, AND..."
SOON, I TURN EVERYTHING TO GOLD-- LIKE KING MIDAS!
"WITH SUPER-PRESSURE AND SUPER-FRICTION, I CONVERTED THAT CHUNK OF GOLD INTO MOLTEN LIQUID, WHICH I POURED OVER ALL THE TREES AND GRASS..."
PRETTY GOLDEN TREE... THIS IS FUN!
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YOU SEE, DAD?... I MUST HAVE HAD SUCH A VIVID IMAGINATION THAT I ACTUALLY LIVED THAT DREAM-- AS SOMEONE MIGHT WALK IN HIS SLEEP! TELL ME, WHAT OTHER BEDTIME STORIES DID I HEAR?
YOU THINK YOU HAD OTHER DREAMS--AND DID OTHER THINGS IN YOUR SLEEP? HMM... I GUESS THAT'S LIKELY! LET'S SEE-- I TOLD YOU THE STORY OF HERCULES-- AND PINOCCHIO...
NO, THEY DON'T REMIND ME OF ANY DREAMS! PLEASE, GO ON... IT--IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU REALIZE!
WELL--THERE WAS THE STORY OF PECOS BILL, AND...
WAIT! I REMEMBER--THE LEGENDARY CHARACTER WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE DUG A RIVER BY HIMSELF! I DEFINITELY HAD A DREAM ABOUT THAT!
"I REMEMBER FLYING OUT TO A DRY, SANDY DESERT, WHERE...
I MAKE RIVER JUST LIKE PECOS BILL DID... OVER HERE--WHERE NO ONE SEE ME!
NEED SOMETHING TO DIG WITH... PIECE OF MOUNTAIN HELP ME!
KRAKK!
"I USED THAT MOUNTAIN TOP TO DIG A DEEP DITCH..."
THIS FUN! I ALWAYS LIKE TO PLAY IN SAND!

"I DUG THAT CANAL TILL IT REACHED A DISTANT LAKE-- AND THEN..."
WATER FILLS DITCH, MAKES RIVER! ME DO WHAT PECOS BILL DID...NOW MUST DO SOMETHING ELSE!
AND THERE IT IS...MY RIVER, STILL FLOWING THROUGH ISOLATED DESERT-- AND, IN THE DISTANCE, THE ROCK I USED TO DIG IT! MUST SEE THAT ROCK...
YES-- JUST LIKE THE OTHER ONE! I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND... BUT I MUST GET RID OF IT!
WITH ONE SWIFT MOTION, SUPERBOY LIFTS THE MIGHTY ROCK, AND...
THERE IT GOES, RIGHT INTO THE SUN, TO BE MELTED INTO VAPOR-- ITS STRANGE SECRET FOREVER DESTROYED!
IT'S A THOUGHTFUL BOY OF STEEL WHO FLIES SPEEDILY HOMEWARD-- WONDERING-- PUZZLING...
I MUST GET DAD TO REMEMBER EVERY OTHER STORY HE TOLD ME! SOMEHOW, THE ENIGMA OF THOSE LANDMARKS, IN EACH OF MY DREAMS, MUST HAVE ITS ANSWER IN ONE OF THEM!
SHORTLY, BACK IN SMALLVILLE...
I'VE BEEN WRITING A LIST OF ALL THE STORIES I TOLD YOU-- SINCE YOU THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT. I'M NOT QUITE FINISHED, BUT...
LET ME SEE... THE THREE BEARS-- NO...THE STORY OF PEER GYNT-- NO... JOHNNY APPLESEED... WAIT! WAIT! THAT RECALLS ANOTHER DREAM I MUST HAVE ACTED OUT IN MY SLEEP!

THIS TIME, SUPERBOY STREAKS UP TO THE FAR ICY NORTH...
THIS DREAM DOESN'T EXPLAIN THOSE LANDMARKS-- BUT NOW THAT I RECALL IT, I MUST HURRY TO THE SPOT WHERE I ACTED IT OUT! DAD HAD TOLD ME HOW JOHNNY APPLESEED PLANTED TREES WHERE TREES HAD NEVER GROWN BEFORE...
"...SO I GUESS I DREAMED THAT I COULD DO EVEN BETTER THAN JOHNNY APPLESEED!
CAN'T PLANT TREES IN SNOW... BUT WHEN I LOOK WITH MY SEE-THROUGH EYES, EVERYTHING GETS HOT!
"I MUST HAVE ALREADY DISCOVERED THE HEAT THAT MY X-RAY VISION GENERATES..."
ALL ICE AND SNOW MELT... THEN WE GET TREES TO PLANT IN GROUND!
SOON, IN A NEARBY NORTHERN WOODS...
NO ONE MISS THESE TREES... NO PEOPLE NEAR HERE!
RRR!VOP!
"I FLEW BACK, AND PLANTED THE TREES IN THE MIDST OF THE LAND WHICH MY X-RAY VISION HAD CLEARED OF ICE!"
NOW I DO WHAT JOHNNY APPLESEED DID!
IT'S STILL THERE, FLOURISHING-- THE ROOTS DEEP IN THE WARMER EARTH! BUT-- THAT ONE PARTICULAR TREE... I MUST SMASH IT TO SAWDUST AT ONCE!
WHAT IS THE MENACE OF THESE LANDMARKS? CAN YOU GUESS?
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A MOMENT LATER, DROPPING A HUGE CHUNK OF ICE ON THE TREE...
NOW THIS ONE'S GONE FOREVER... BUT-- WHY WAS IT THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?
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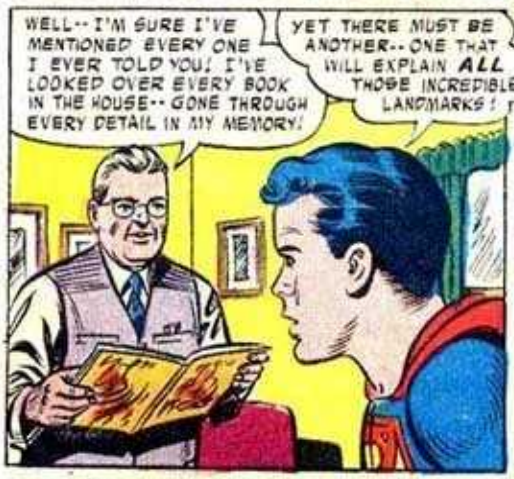
RUSHING HOME, SUPERBOY AGAIN QUESTIONS HIS FATHER
I'M TRYING TO REMEMBER EVERY STORY I TOLD YOU! CINDERELLA... THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW... THE NURSERY RHYME "HEY-DIDDLE-DE-DIDDLE, THE CAT AND THE FIDDLE"...
THAT'S ONE THAT RECALLS A DREAM... BUT I'M SURE IT CAN WAIT!


WELL-- I'M SURE I'VE MENTIONED EVERY ONE I EVER TOLD YOU! I'VE LOOKED OVER EVERY BOOK IN THE HOUSE-- GONE THROUGH EVERY DETAIL IN MY MEMORY!
YET THERE MUST BE ANOTHER-- ONE THAT WILL EXPLAIN ALL THOSE INCREDIBLE LANDMARKS!

WAIT! THERE'S ONE STORY YOU HEARD OVER THE RADIO-- EVEN BEFORE I TOLD YOU ANY OTHERS! I THOUGHT YOU WERE TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND... THE FAMOUS STORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE CHERRY TREE!
WHY... YES-- I REMEMBER!

"YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T EVEN PAYING ATTENTION-- BUT I'D HEARD EVERY WORD..."
...AND GEORGE WASHINGTON SAID," I CUT DOWN THE CHERRY TREE! I WILL ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT I DID!"
ME BE LIKE GEORGE WASHINGTON! ME ALWAYS TELL TRUTH ABOUT WHAT I DO, ALSO.

DAD, NOW I CAN EXPLAIN THIS MYSTERY TO YOU, BY TAKING YOU ON THE MOST EXCITING TRIP OF YOUR LIFE! SOON AS I'VE MADE YOU AN OXYGEN HELMET, WE'RE GOING TO THE MOON!

MINUTES LATER, AS THE PAIR HURTLES THROUGH THE OUTER REACHES OF SPACE...
I WAS TOO YOUNG THEN TO REALIZE THAT ONE DAY, I'D HAVE TWO IDENTITIES -- AND THAT I WOULD HAVE TO KEEP ONE OF THEM SECRET!
I REMEMBER THE DREAM I HAD IN WHICH I JUMPED OVER THE MOON, TOO! I ALSO REMEMBER SOMETHING ELSE I DID -- AND WHY I DID IT -- NOW THAT DAD HAS FRESHENED MY RECOLLECTION WITH THAT STORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE CHERRY TREE!
"I HAD DECIDED THAT I WOULD BE LIKE GEORGE WASHINGTON, TOO -- SO, WHEREVER I WENT IN MY DREAMS, I LEFT A REMINDER..."
CLARK KENT JUMPED OVER THE MOON
I ALWAYS TELL TRUTH LIKE GEORGE WASHINGTON! WHOEVER LOOKS CAN SEE THE TRUTH!
SMASSSH
IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE MAN IS ABLE TO FLY TO THE MOON -- AND I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT THIS HERE TO GIVE AWAY THE SECRET OF MY IDENTITY -- JUST AS I DIDN'T WANT THAT ROCK WITH THE MESSAGE ON IT: "CLARK KENT MADE THIS GOLDEN FOREST!"
AFTERWARD, BACK HOME...
SO... WHEREVER YOU WENT, YOU LEFT A LITTLE MARKER -- THAT CLARK KENT HAD MADE THOSE FABULOUS THINGS! YOU CERTAINLY WERE CUTE!
MAYBE SO -- BUT THOSE MARKERS THREATENED ME WITH REAL DISASTER TODAY! I'M GOING TO CHECK EVERY CHILDHOOD STORY EVER TOLD -- JUST IN CASE WE'VE MISSED ONE THAT MIGHT REMIND ME OF A DREAM!
SO A LITTLE LATER, WHEN LANA LANG COMES TO PAY CLARK A VISIT...
CLARK! READING NURSERY RHYMES, AT YOUR AGE?
WHY -- ER -- I WAS JUST... UH... RECALLING OLD TIMES, LANA!
THANK GOODNESS SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT I'M DOING -- AND WHY!
MOTHER GOOSE STORIES
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